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## Witnesses overlooked in JFK probe

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Most witnesses who may have seen someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald in the so-called assassin's window in 1963 were either overlooked or intimidated by Warren Commission investigators.

Johnny L. Powell, an inmate in the county jail at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, recently told The Dallas Morning News and others in his cell watched two men with a rifle in the 8th floor window of the Texas School Book Depository across the street. When he looked

He was using a telescope on the roof.

Summa's visitation of the 1921 case

Power's shooting in the 1970s occurred at about the same time as our photographer Charles L. Brown was filming what seemed to be two moving images in the same window. This was about 12:24 p.m., or six minutes before the shooting.

POWELL AND his fellow inmates weren't questioned by authorities, although one of Jack Ruby's attorneys later mentioned to a Warren Commission investigator that the prisoners

had a good view of what took place.

it would not be taken as being discriminatory. It was the attorney general's opinion that it was not discriminatory.

Kaufman's deposition was taken three months before the investigation. Investigation was completed in September 1964.

I commented that they did occur and sort of remembered me as the time as to why — if they were trying to find out these facts — why were students on an

KALPFMAN SAID he asked Mitchell to contact the Warren Commission as he had "this I don't want to get involved with."

Donald B. Fletcher of Memphis was peering up from the street below when the same time Powell was

On the day of the assassination, Luehrson was representing a county committee that was to meet with the prisoners. "They were to go up there and talk to all those prisoners," Luehrson told The News recently.

and inmate, Willie Mitchell. His client described to me exactly what happened when the shoes were fired, Kestenbaum told Hebrews, recalling "it made me sick to my stomach."

He (Fischer) was in the right to bring the interview room over the colors the man's best," Fischer said. "I wanted me to tell him that the man

didn't see anyone in that window" in the dispensary. Kenneth said because he is black, Mitchell probably was on the 5th floor of the three-story apartment building, which faces Houston Street and Dealey Plaza.

POWELL WAS in a sub-floor call center, cornered in the 8th-floor corner

requested me to tell him that he was black headed and I wouldn't do it.

Orwells' hair "doesn't appear to be the color of the hair that I have," said the 31-year-old Fischer.

He said what Bettie was wearing at the time, but I didn't see it at the time.

Fischer said he didn't see a rifle or shotgun in the window, either.

—about a dozen or so new items from another person in the window but was "entirely possible" from his point of view that he couldn't have known about another person.

"I was a boy in the New Orleans in the depository window," Powell said. "Everybody was trying to watch the parade and all that. We were looking across the street because it was

directly straight across. The first thing I thought is, if was security guards ... I resembled the guys."

days on charge of vagrancy and disturbing the peace, said "maybe three then half" of an estimated 40 inmates in his cell were trying to look from the outside.

The two men in the window across street "looked darker" than whites were wearing "kind of brownish gray" or dollar clothes — like work clothes said.

Across the street from Fischer Edwards, at the northwest corner Elm and Housing, near the same depository, Mrs. Ruby Hendrickson, 70, was seen there.

"One of them had dark hair—a darker color than the other," Mrs. Henderson said. "The other had light hair."

recall the appearance of the other men except  
that you could see their head and shoulders, but  
like they were leaning out."

She said she saw no gun, but "They were" -  
and she could not determine who he was. She was not  
able to identify him.

enough to the window to be able to know if they  
hadn't been holding anything."

across the street from the bank depository.

John Wetherholt looked up at about the same time and saw two men in an upper-floor window of the depository. One was holding a gun, the said. The man was wearing a dark brown suit and the

"They were going to set me up to prove me a liar," he said.

had no intention of arguing with them and knew," she said. "I felt like I had told them."

Another witness, Arnold Mowbray, said he made an 8x10-inch window of the depository building across his shop at 12:15 p.m. or so, just before the shooting by the window of the second floor of the building. From his position along Houston Street above a half-block west of the depository, he said he saw a lone man, a black, in a window on the 6th floor — the floor above the window he had just made — who he said was

ROWLAND STUCK to his every desire during a 4½-year stint as attorney for Warren Commission. Lawyer Compton assisted ex-convict Bales, however, elicited Rowland's wife with that "at times my husband is a exaggerator" after he asked her whether "you can

Rowland's story is also important because the gunman is in the 6th-floor window at 12:15 minutes before a book depository employee sees Oswald in the 2nd-floor bathroom.

The news recently that she was found in the floor as she was on her way out of the depot about 12:30 p.m. to catch the motorcycle. Five

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Most witnesses who may have seen someone other than Lee Harvey or Jack Ruby shoot or kill the president's killer were overlooked or dismissed by Warren Commission investigators.

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out the window he saw

the men were "looking with" a rifle, Powell said.

Powell's sighting of the two

occurred at about the same

time Lee Harvey

was claiming what seemed to

be a moving image in the same

This was about 12:30 p.m., or

an hour before the shooting.

POWELL AND HIS FELLOW

INMATES, however, were

not the only ones

to have seen

the two men.

Arnold Kaufman, a

former employee of the

Warren Commission, was

also present in the

depository building

when the shooting

occurred.

He was a witness

in the assassination

and was present in the

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the two men

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